

Special Report

2020 Conditions for Accreditation / 2020 Procedures for Accreditation

ANNUAL REPORT YEAR: 2024

Institution: American University in Dubai

Program Name: Bachelor of Architecture

Area(s) of Non-compliance Identified in Annual Report

Condition 6.6 Student Financial Information

Financial information is general and does not specifically address any additional requirements of the architecture program.

Program Response

The Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) program at the American University in Dubai (AUD) has taken corrective measures to ensure that student financial information is specific and comprehensive and directly addresses the requirements of the architecture program.

Previously, the financial information available on public platforms was general and did not fully reflect the program-specific details required by NAAB. In response to this finding, the following corrective actions have been implemented:

The program must demonstrate that students have access to current resources and advice for making decisions about financial aid. Link:

We have identified and publicly listed the scholarships for students enrolled in the B.Arch Program. These are available through:

1. The B.Arch Program page, where scholarship opportunities relevant to architecture students are outlined in context.
2. The University's general scholarships page has added a short note to highlight the specific applicability of select scholarships to B.Arch. students. This includes prestigious merit-based scholarships such as the H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Scholarship for Undergraduate Study.

The program must demonstrate that students have access to an initial estimate for all tuition, fees, books, general supplies, and specialized materials that may be required during the full course of study for completing the NAAB-accredited degree program. Link:

We have reinstated and updated the program-specific tuition information for the B.Arch. Program at the end of the official Tuition and Fees webpage. This addition clarifies that the B.Arch program follows the same fee structure as all undergraduate programs. However, a specific note is included under *Other Fees* to give specific information on additional requirements of the architecture program.

This verbiage was historically available and has now been reinstated to ensure clarity for prospective and enrolled students.

All financial information is now consolidated and easily accessible online. This ensures prospective and current students can make informed decisions regarding the cost of education and available financial support mechanisms, particularly within the architecture program.

Through these updates, the B.Arch Program aims to demonstrate its commitment to transparency, compliance, and student support in line with NAAB's expectations under Condition 6.6.

Supporting Documentation:

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<https://www.aud.edu/aud-school/school-of-architecture-art-design/departments/department-of-architecture/department-programs/bachelor-of-architecture-barch/>

<https://www.aud.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

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<https://www.aud.edu/university-overview/administrative-offices/office-of-finance/tuition-and-fees/>